



**Project title:** A Resolution to adopt the Planning Commission's recommended Climate Action Plan

## City Council Agenda Item Cover Sheet

**Council Bill #** *interoffice use*

**Agenda dates requested:**

1/29/2020

Briefing

Proposed action

Consent

Action ☒

Ordinance

Public hearing

Yes ☒ No

**Budget amendment:**

Yes ☒ No

**PowerPoint presentation:**

Yes ☒ No

**Attachments:**

City of Everett 2020 State  
Legislative Agenda and  
accompanying narrative

**Department(s) involved:**

Administration

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Administration

Council President

**Consideration:** A Resolution adopting the Planning Commission's recommended Climate Action Plan

**Project:**

**Partner/Supplier :** Cascadia Consulting Group

**Location:**

**Preceding action:**

**Fund:**

### Summary statement:

The City Council tasked the Planning Commission with developing a City of Everett Climate Action Plan for recommendation to the Council. Following public outreach and two public hearings, the Planning Commission on Dec. 3 recommended a Climate Action Plan for Council adoption. This resolution would adopt that plan.

### Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution adopting the Planning Commission's recommended Climate Action Plan.





**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION to adopt a City of Everett Climate Action Plan**

**WHEREAS,**

1. Climate change presents an existential threat to human existence on the planet, and impacts from climate change are being realized at global, national, regional and local levels; and
2. Necessary responses to climate change include reducing greenhouse gas emissions (mitigation), responding to impacts such as increases in temperature, storm events, fires, and sea level (adaptation), and developing a green economy based on clean energy; and
3. The Everett City Council believes the policies set forth in the City's Climate Change and Sustainability Element of the Comprehensive Plan should be implemented; and
4. The Everett City Council adopted Resolution No. 7359 on April 3, 2019 requesting the Planning Commission prepare a Climate Action Plan for the City of Everett; and
5. The City hired a consulting firm with experience in writing Climate Action Plans in August 2019 to work with the Planning Commission, staff and the public to draft a city-wide Climate Action Plan with a focus on identifying a menu of mitigation and economic actions to lower greenhouse gas emissions; and
6. The Planning Commission was briefed on aspects of the Climate Action Plan on September 3 and October 15, 2019; and
7. City staff and the consultant team held a public open house on October 15, 2019 to present draft targets, strategies and actions to address climate change; and
8. A presentation of the draft Climate Action Plan and public hearing was held on December 3, 2019 at which time testimony of the consultant, City staff and the public was heard; and
9. The Planning Commission approved a draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) by Planning Commission Resolution 19-16 and determined that the CAP meets the requirements specified in the City Council Resolution No. 7359.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND EVERETT CITY COUNCIL THAT:**

The City of Everett Climate Action Plan as set forth in attached Exhibit A is hereby adopted by the Everett City Council.

The City Council and Administration will develop recommendations and policy actions from the Climate Action Plan and Comprehensive Plan addressing mitigation, adaptation and green economic development. These will include actions that can be implemented in FY 2020, and actions requiring longer term development and appropriate budget considerations for FY 2021 and beyond. The Council directs the General Government Subcommittee to work with Administration to develop such recommendations and report back to the full Council as soon as practical.

The City Council and Administration recognize that responding to climate change requires coordination with other entities including local, regional and state governments, private sector and higher education. The City will work with other public and private organizations in developing policy recommendations and actions.

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Councilmember introducing resolution  
Paul Roberts

Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2020.

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Judy Tuohy, Council President

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Jeff Moore, Councilmember

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